

Fireworks Retail Sales From Tents



Guidelines for the temporary use of tents for the retail sales of fireworks.

Retail fireworks can be sold from tents as outlined in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.77 and The Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 212-17. The following guidelines refer to the more restrictive rules pertaining to the retail sales of fireworks from tents. For general guidelines on the retail sales of fireworks from retail fireworks stands see WAC 212-17-185 through WAC 212-17-21519.

1 The Rules: WAC 212-17-21513(c)

- ☐ "Tents, canopies, or structures utilizing temporary membrane material. All tents, canopies or temporary membrane materials structures shall be made from fire retardant material or treated with a fire retardant as identified in the International Fire Code. Any tent, canopy or temporary membrane materials structure falling within the scope of the International Fire Code shall comply with those requirements. When those requirements are in conflict with other provision of these rules, **the more restrictive provisions shall apply.**"

2 International Fire Code: Chapter 24, Tents

Following is a list of the more restrictive requirements of the International Fire Code (IFC) Chapter 24, Tents, Canopies and Other Membrane Structures.

- ☐ Tents, canopies or membrane structure shall not be located within **20 feet of lot lines**, buildings, other tents, canopies or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines. IFC 2403.8.2
- ☐ Clearance – A three-foot clearance is required between the fabric envelope and all contents located inside the tent. IFC 2404.11
- ☐ Combustible vegetation shall be removed within 30 feet of the tent. IFC 2404.21
- ☐ Combustible waste materials shall be kept clear inside the tent and within a 30-foot perimeter of the tent. IFC 2404.22
- ☐ Flame Resistance - Shall be treated with a flame retardant. IFC 2404.2, NFPA 701

3 Local Requirements:

- ☐ Proper permits must be obtained. WAC 212-17-185(2)
- ☐ The sales site must comply with all applicable local zoning and land use rules.
- ☐ May require a drawing with a site plan.

References: Washington Administrative Code 212-17-21513(c); International Fire Code, Chapter 24, Tents, Canopies and Other Membrane Structures; National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1124 Code for Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles, NFPA 701 Standard Methods for Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films.

Typical Fireworks Tent

